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In re application of : Robert M. Carmichael  
Serial No. : 10/055,678  
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Invention : **A BUOYANCY COMPENSATOR, UTILITY PACK, TRANSPORT HARNESS OR LIKE GARMENT WITH ADJUSTABLE ONE SIZE COMPONENT ...**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 29, line 14, please insert the following new paragraphs:

--Figure 10 shows the left side belt, center and right side belt. Figure 11 shows an inside view of the center piece having a removable exterior panel and a padded panel. Dimensions can include, but are not limited to, the following: item (1) 4" wide elastic, 8" length - folded for double strength; item (2) 4" wide webbing, two pieces, 3" length; item (3) 4" wide stainless steel loops, three pieces; item (4) male end #10 10" separating zipper; item (5) female end #10 10" separating zipper; and item (6) female end 1" buckle. The padding can be  $\frac{1}{2}$ " closed cell foam ( $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ "). The outside material can be 420 D black nylon.

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